THE PRINCIPAL

ACTS

OF THE

General Assembly,

OF THE

CHURCH

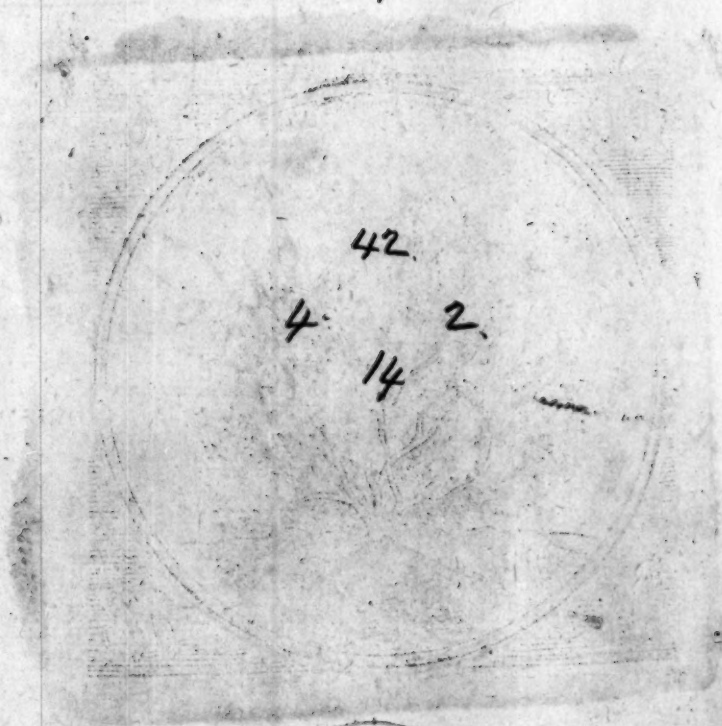
OF

SCOTLAND;

Conveened at *Edinburgh*, the 4*th April* 1706.

Collected and Extracted from the Records, by the Clerk thereof.

EDINBURGH,
Printed by *George Mosman*, Printer to the CHURCH
and Its ASSEMBLIES. M. DCC. VI.



42
4. 2.
14

BRITISH MUSEUM

THE PRINCIPAL

ACTS

OF THE

General Assembly,

OF THE

CHURCH

OF

SCOTLAND;

Holden and begun at *Edinburgh*, upon *Thursday* the 4*th* Day of *April* 1706 Years, And ending the 16*th* Day of that same Moneth and year.

I.

The Queens Commission to David *Earl of* Glasgow, *produced and ordered to be Recorded.*

At *Edinburgh* 4*th April* 1706. Sess. 1.

THE General Assembly of the Ministers and Ruling Elders of this National Church, being Conveened and Constitute, there was produced to them by the Right Honourable *David* Earl of *Glasgow*, Her Majesties Commission under the great Seal of this Kingdom, appointing him Her Majestie's High Commissioner, and Representative in this National Assembly, which Commission being publickly Read with all due Honour and Respect; The General Assembly Ordained the same to be Recorded in their Registers. The Tenor whereof follows.

" ANNA Dei Gratia, Magnæ *Britanniæ*, *Franciæ* &
" *Hiberniæ* Regina, Fideique Defensor, *Omnibus* Pro-
" bis Hominibus; ad quos præsentes Literæ Nostræ pervene-
" rint, Salutem, *Quandoquidem* ex Decreto Nostro, Generalis
" Ecclesiæ Conventus Antiqui Regni Nostri *Scotiæ*, in quar-
" tum diem Mensis *Aprilis* proxime futuri convenire ordina-
" tur: Nosque autem abunde cupidæ, quin etiam necessarium
" esse Judicantes in Commodum dictæ Ecclesiæ ut idem Ge-
" neralis Ecclesiæ Conventus die statuto debite observetur; Sed
" Rebus magni momenti nos alio vocantibus, dicto Conventui
" interesse nequimus; Et permultis Testimoniis nobis abunde
" satisfactum est de Sufficientia, & Fidelitate Fidelissimi &
" Dilectissimi Nostri Consanguinei & Consiliarii *Davidis* Co-
" mitis de *Glasgow*, Quod ad munera summi Officii infra spe-
" cificati, rite exercenda & obeunda usquequaque sit instructus
" & idoneus. Noveritis igitur, nos Nominasse, Constituisse, &
" Ordinasse sicuti, nos tenore præsentium, Nominamus, Con-
" stituimus & Ordinamus eundem *Davidem* Comitem de *Glas-*
" *gow* supremum nostrum *Commissionarium* quoad effectum in-
" fra expressum, *Damus* pariter & Concedimus illi pleniſſimam
" nostram potestatem, Commissionem & Warrantum, nostram
" Personam & Authoritatem nostram Regalem Representan-
" di, Præsentiam nostram Supplendi, locumque nostrum in
" dicto subsequenti Generali Conventu, tanquam Commissi-
" onario nostro in hunc Effectum specialiter constituto, Te-
" nendi; Omniaque alia ad Imperium & Munus Commissio-
" narii pro Generali Ecclesiæ Conventu peragendi, tam plene
" adeoque libere in quovis respectu, quam quilibet alius ejus-
" dem summi Muneris fecerat, seu quovis tempore retroa-
" cto facere potuerat, Atque sicuti Nos Ipsæ personaliter præ-
" sentes facere potuerimus, *Quæ quidem* omnia & singula a
" dicto *Davide* Comite de *Glasgow* in hac nostra Commissione
" prosequenda, legitime facienda nos firmiter Approbamus,
" Rata habemus & habituræ sumus; *Omnibus* & singulis in-
" super antedicti Conventus & Ecclesiæ Pastoribus & Presby-
" teris, cæterisque, quibuscunque hujus Regni nostri Subdi-
" tis, cujuscunque Qualitatis & Conditionis, ut dictum *Da-*
" *videm* Comitem de *Glasgow*, tanquam supremum nostrum
" Commissionarium quoad effectum & modum supra mentio-
" natum agnoscant, Revereantur & dicto ipsius audientes se
" præbeant, stricte Mandamus & Imperamus: *Et denique*
" hanc nostram Commissionem a die quo magnum hujus re-
" gni Sigillum præsentibus est appensum, ac deinceps hac se-
" quenti Sessione dicti Generalis Conventus in vigore conti-
" nuare declaramus, & usque dum a nobis revocabitur & ex-
" onerabitur. *In cujus rei Testimonium* Præsentibus magnum
" sigillum

"sigillum nostrum appendi mandamus, Apud Aulam no-
"stram de *Kensington*, Vigesimo tertio die Mensis *Martii*,
"Anno Domini Millesimo Septingentesimo Sexto, & Anno
"Regni nostri, Quinto.

Per Signaturam, Manu S. D. N. *Regina supra scriptam.*

Locus Magni Sigilli Appensi

INDORSO.

Written to the Great Seal, and Registrate the 2*d. day of* April 1706 *years*, Charles Ker. *Sealed at* Edinburgh *the* 3*d. day of* Aprile 1706 *Years. In absence of* Alex. Ogilbie. Jo. Stewart.

II.

Her Majesties Gracious Letter TO THE *GENERAL ASSEMBLY.*

Eadem Sessione.

HER Majesties High Commissioner, presented the Queens most Gracious Letter, directed to this General Assembly, which was publickly Read, with all due Honour and Respect, and is appointed to be Recorded in the Registers of this Assembly. The Tenor whereof follows.

ANNE R.

RIGHT Reverend and Well beloved, we greet you well; The *Dutiful*, Faithful and Moderate Proceedings of former Aſſemblies have been and are ſo ſatisfying to us, that we do moſt willingly countenance your Meeting at this time, and are perſwaded that you will improve this Opportunity for the further Advancement of the true Reformed *Proteſtant* Religion, the *Promoting* of Knowledge and Piety, the Diſcouraging of Vice and Immorality, and the Preſerving good Order in the Church, in all which you may be moſt aſſured of our hearty Concurrence and Aſſiſtance.

We ſtill continue to Recommend to your Care with all Earneſtneſs the Planting of Vacant Churches with Pious and Learned Miniſters, eſpecially in the *Highlands* and *Iſlands*, and we are hopeful, that you have made ſuch a prudent and right Diſtribution of theſe Libraries, which have been mortified and ſent for the uſe of the Churches in thoſe parts as will be ſatisfying to all the *Benefactors*, and for what further Charges may be needful for compleating ſo good a Work: We ſhall give ſuch Orders to our Theſaury as nothing may be wanting for your juſt Encouragement.

We have appointed our Right Truſty and right Well-beloved Couſin and Counſellour, *David* Earl of *Glaſgow*, to Repreſent Our Royal *Perſon* in this Aſſembly, of whoſe Fidelity to Us and good Affection to the preſent Eſtabliſhment, and Sufficiency to diſcharge this Truſt, we have had ſuch Experience, as we know will render him acceptable to you; Him we have fully inſtructed in what may be further neceſſary; And therefore you are to give him Entire Truſt and Credit.

We very chearfully renew to you the Aſſurance we have often given, of our firm Reſolution to maintain the Eſtabliſhed Government of that Church, and thus not doubting but that you will Proceed with your uſual Moderation and Unanimity, we bid you heartily farewel.

Given at our Court at Kenſington *the 25th day of* March 1706, *and of our Reign the Fifth Year.*

By Her Majeſties Command,

MAR.

III. THE

III.

The General Assemblys *Answer*, TO The Queens Gracious Letter.

Edinburgh, 6th April 1706. Sess. 3d.

May it please Your Majesty,

THE renewed Expressions of Your Majesties Royal Favour, with the comfortable Assurance You give us of Your Countenance and Assistance in our present Meeting, are to us most acceptable, and no less encouraging to prosecute, with all Sincerity and Diligence, the Advancement of these Things, Your gracious Letter proposes to Us. We bless GOD heartily for Your Majesties constant Care, to have Vacant Churches planted with Pious and Learned Ministers, specially the *Highlands* and *Islands*, and are hopeful, Your Majesty will continue the Encouragement that hitherto You have given to so good a Work, by ordering what is necessary for the building and Reparation of Churches and Manses, and setling legal Provisions, where the same are found wanting. It hath been our care to make such a distribution of these Libraries, which have been mortified, and sent for the use of the Churches in the remote parts of this Nation, as we hope, will be satisfying to Your Majesty, and to all the Benefactors, and Your Majesty may be most assured that in these and all things that you recommend to us, we shall still endeavour through the Blessing of GOD to acquit our selves with that Duty and Faithfulness that becomes the Ministers of JESUS CHRIST, and Your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects. The choice Your Majesty has been pleased to make of the Earl of *Glasgow* to represent Your Majesties Person in this Assembly, (a Person so justly approven to Your Ma-

Majesty, for his eminent Fidelity to Your service, and good affection to the present Establishment, and his unquestionable sufficiency) is to us most satisfying, and we shall in all dutifulness give him that entire Trust and Credit which Your Majesty requires. The renewed assurances which Your Majesty is pleased to give us of Your firm Resolutions to Maintain the Established Government of this Church, we do receive with our most grateful acknowledgements, and shall be careful to observe that Christian moderation and unanimity, Your Majesty expects from us. That GOD may long preserve Your Majesty for the good of all Your People, and the protection and comfort of all the Churches of CHRIST, and that He may still prosper Your Arms against all Your Enemies, and that after a long, prosperous and happy Reign, You may for an Eternal Crown in Heaven, transmit Your Earthly Crown to a Protestant Successor for ever; shall be the earnest and constant Prayer of.

May it please Your Majesty,

Your Majesties most Faithful, most Obedient and most Humble Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders, met in this National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in Our Presence, in Our Name, and at our Appointment, By

Will. Wisheart Moderator.

IV.

Act and Recommendation concerning the Scripture Songs.

Edinburgh, 8 *April* 1706. Ante Meridiem. Sess. 4.

THE General Assembly having heard and considered an Overture, transmitted to them from the Committee for Overtures, to whom it was remitted, to consider the Reference of the Commission of the late General Assembly in Relation to the Scriptural Songs, They did, and hereby do recommend it to the several Presbytries of this Church, to endeavour to promote the use of these Songs in privat Families within their Bounds, according to the Recommendation of the late Assembly; and for facilitating the Assemblies Work in preparing the saids Songs for publick use, the Assembly hereby do recommend it to Presbytries, to buy up Copies of the saids Songs that are Printed, and to be sold here at *Edinburgh*; And ordain the Report of the Committees appointed by the Commission of the late Assembly, to Revise these Songs with the Amendments made thereupon by the Committee that met at *Glasgow*, to be Printed and Transmitted to the several Presbytries, that they may consider the same, and compare them with the Book it self, And the General Assembly Recommends it to the saids Presbytries also, diligently to compare these Songs with the Original Texts, and to make what furder Amendements they shall see needful upon the saids Printed Copies of these Songs, both as to the Translation and Meeter, keeping alwise to the Original Text.

V.

Act anent the Form of Process.

Edinburgh, 9 *April* 1706. ante meridiem. Sess. 5.

THE Form of Process in the Judicatories of the Church of *Scotland*, with relation to Scandals and Censures, being all publickly Read in presence of the General Assembly, were ordered to be Printed and Transmitted as Overtures to the several Presbytries within this National Church, and the saids Presbytries are ordained to consider the same, and send in their Opinions thereanent, and such Amendments as they shall judge fit to make upon the same, to the next General Assembly, according to the 9 Act of the General Assembly, *anno* 1697, thereanent.

VI.

Recommendation concerning the Method of giving in Overtures, References &c. to the General Assembly.

Edinburgh, 9 *April* 1706. Post meridiem. Sess. 6.

THE General Assembly, to the end that ensuing Assemblies of this Church may with greater Facility expede the Affairs that shall come before them, Do hereby recommend to all the Presbytries within this National Church, in their Instructions to their Commissioners, carefully to distinguish betwixt what they propose as Overtures to be transmitted by the General Assembly to the several Presbytries, in order to their being past into Acts; and those things which are only matter of Complaint, or Grievances to be presently redressed, or things wherein they desire to be Advised; That Overtures and Matters of Advice may be given in to the Committee for Overtures, and the rest to the Committee for Bills References and Appeals, and yet in matters of weight, these two Committees may advise with one another.

VII.

Act approving the proceedings of the Commission of the General Assembly, anno 1705.

Edinburgh, 12 *April* 1706. Post meridiem. Sess. 11.

THE General Assembly having had this day reproduced in their presence, the Register of the Actings and Proceedings of the Commission appointed by the last Assembly, and having heard the Report of a Committee, (who were not Members of the said Commission) appointed to Revise Examine and Consider the said Register, with their observes thereupon, and Answers made thereto by the Moderator, and other Members of the said Commission, the Members of the foresaid Commission were removed; And the General Assembly having maturely considered the said Report and Answers made thereto; Do Find, that the whole Actings Proceedings and Conclusions of the foresaid Commission contained in their Register, Subscribed by Mr. *William Carstairs* Moderator, and Mr. *John Dundas* Advocat, Clerk, do evidence much Wisdom, Prudence, Zeal and Diligence, and that the said Commission have proceeded orderly and formally in every thing according to their Commission and Instructi-

ons,

ons; And therefore this General Assembly did and hereby do ratify and approve of the whole Actings Proceedings and Conclusions of the said Commission contained in their said Register, beginning the 13 day of *April* in the year 1705, and ending 3 day of *April* 1706, *inclusive*, and the Members of the said Commission being called in, the same was intimate to them, and the Moderator gave them the Thanks of the Assembly for their good Service done to the Church.

VIII.

Act concerning the method of approving the Commission Book.

Edinburgh, 13 *April* 1706. ante meridiem. Sess. 12.

THE General Assembly Appoint and Ordain, that in all time coming, the same *Formula* be observed in the Approbation of the Registers of the actings and proceedings of the Commissions of Assemblies, that is prescribed by the Acts of the Assembly, to be observed in the Attestation of the Synod Books.

IX.

Act anent Registers.

Eadem Sessione.

THE General Assembly recommends it to all the Judicatories of this Church, to take special care, that the Registers be correctly Written, and that they allow no Blottings or Interlinings thereintil, and if any thing shall happen to be blotted out as superfluous, that it be marked on the Margin, how many Words or Lines are blotted out, and that it was done by the Authority of the Judicatory, and that it be Subscribed by the Moderator and Clerk, and if any thing be ommitted, that it be written upon the Margin, and Subscribed by the Clerk of the Judicatory.

X.

Act anent Lecturing.

Eadem Sessione.

THE General Assembly considering, that the Acts of former Assemblies, concerning Lecturing and Expounding of the Holy Scriptures, are much neglected in many places,

Do

Do therefore enjoin and appoint the ſeveral Presbytries at their Privy Cenſures and Parochial Viſitations diligently to enquire, how Miniſters obſerve the ſaids Acts.

XI.

Recommendation concerning the Admiſſion to the Lords Supper

Eadem Seſſione.

THE General Aſſembly hereby recommends it to the ſeveral Miniſters within this National Church, to take as ſtrict a Tryal as can be of ſuch as they admit to the Lords Supper, eſpecially before their firſt Admiſſion thereto, and that they diligently inſtruct them, particularly as to the Covenant of Grace, and the Nature and End of that Ordinance as a Seal thereof, and charge upon their Conſciences the Obligations they lie under from their *Baptiſmal* Covenant, and ſeriouſly Exhort them to renew the ſame.

XII.

Act and Recommendation concerning Stipends Mortifications.

Eadem Seſſione.

THE General Aſſembly recommends it to *Presbytries* to give Information to the Commiſſion, anent Mortifications and Stipends, that have been dilapidated or ſuppreſſed, and appoints the Commiſſion to be aſſiſtant to Miniſters in Recovery thereof.

XIII.

Recommendation and Act concerning School-maſters, and Schools, and Burſaries.

Edinburgh 13th *April* 1706. Ante Meridiem Seſſ. 12.

THE General Aſſembly recommends it to ſuch as have power of Setleing School-maſters in Pariſhes, to preſer thereto, Men, who have paſt their Courſe at Colledges or Univerſities and taken their Degrees, before others who have not; *cæteris paribus*. And the General Aſſembly recommends it to Presbytries to take ſpecial Care that all the School-maſters within their bounds be ſuch as have ſubſcribed the Confeſſion of Faith, and that *Presbytries* do viſit all the publick Grammar Schools within their bounds, by ſome of their number

number appointed for that effect, at least twice every year and also appoints Synods at their privy Censures, to enquire at Presbytries how they have obeyed this Recommendation. The General Assembly recommends it to the respective Presbytries in the *Low-lands* who are appointed to contribute for Bursaries, to be bestowed on Students having the *Irish* Language, that they pay the same punctually, conform to the Acts of Assembly thereanent.

XIV.

Recommendation concerning Penny-brydalls.

Eadem Sessione.

THE General Assembly recommends it to Presbytries to apply to the Judges ordinary, for putting the Laws relating to *Penny-brydalls* in Execution, and appoints their Commission upon Representations from *Presbytries* of the Judges their Refusal, to apply to the Government for obliging them to execute their Office in this matter.

XV.

Act and Recommendation against Profaneness.

Eadem Sessione.

THE General Assembly seriously exhorts all Magistrates, Ministers and others, in their respective Capacities, to hold hand to the Execution of the Laws against Profaneness, according to the 11*th* Act of the General Assembly held in the year 1697, and 7*th* Act of the General Assembly *anno* 1699 made thereanent; and particularly it is hereby recommended to Ministers and Kirk Sessions to apply to the Civil Magistrate in that matter, as the Law allows and requires, and upon the inferiour Magistrates Neglect or Refusal to put the Laws against *Profaneness* in Execution, that the Kirk Session with the Concurrence of their *Presbytry* complain to the Government for *Redress* according to Law: And lastly it is recommended to Presbytries to enquire diligently at their privy Censures and Parochial Visitations how Ministers and Kirk Sessions have obeyed this Recommendation.

XVI.

Act and Recommendation concerning Visitation of Paroches, and also Ministerial Visitation of Families.

Eadem Sessione.

THE General Assembly considering that frequent presbyterial Visitation of Parishes would be of great Advantage to the Church, and might tend much to promote Piety and Holiness and suppress Sin; Do therefore seriously recommend to and enjoyn Presbytries to be more frequent and conscientious in visiting Parishes, conform to the Acts of former General Assemblies thereanent, and appoints the Commission to draw up and prepare a Directory for Ministerial Visitation of Families, and present the same to the next General Assembly.

XVII.

Commission to some Ministers and Elders, for considering and discussing several Affairs referred to them.

At Edinburgh 15 *Aprile* 1706. Post Meridiem Sess. 14

THE General Assembly, taking to consideration, that there are several weighty Affairs which they cannot overtake; Do therefor Nominate Commissionate and Appoint their Reverend Brethren, Masters *William Crichton* Minister at Edinburgh, *John Law* there, *George Meldrum* Professour of Divinity in the Colledge of Edinburgh, *George Hamilton* Minister there, *David Williamson* at the West Kirk, *John Hardie* at Gordon, *William Calderwood* at Ligerwood, *Gabriel Semple* at Jedburgh, *Thomas Sheilds* at Sanquhar, *Thomas Verner* at Balmaclellan, *Hugh Campbel* at Muirkirk, *Patrick Simpson* at Renfrew, *Duncan Campbel* at Roseneth, *Duncan Campbel* at Knapdale, *John Anderson* Principal of St. Leonards Colledge, *William Mitchel* at Dundee, *William Innes* at Thurso, *Hector Monro* at Watten, *James Sands* at Birsay in Orknay, *Andrew Ker* at Kirkwal, *James Mila* at Lerwick in Zetland, *James Buchen* at Northmaving there, *William Carstairs* Principal of the Colledge of Edinburgh, *Thomas Wilkie* in Cannongate, *David Blair* in Edinburgh, *John Moncreif* there, *William Wisheart* at South Leith, *John Brand* at Borrowstounness, *John Kinaird* at East-Calder, *John Broun* at Abercorn, *John Buchanan* at Covington, *Simon Kellie* at Walston *James Robertson* at Eccleston,

cleſtoun, *John Wallace* at Drumelier, *Patrick Cumirg* at Ormiſtoun, *David Walker* at Temple, *John Flint* at Leſwed, *Matthew Reid* at North-Berwick, *John Currie* at Hadington, *Robert Horſeburgh* at Saltpreſton, *George Turnbul* at Tyningham, *Andrew Broun* at Spot, *Archibald Borthwick* at Greenlaw, *Laurence Johnſtoun* at Dunſe, *James Ramſay* at Eymouth, *Robert Park* at Foulden, *James Douglaſs* at Stow, *John Goudie* at Erſltoun, *Robert Colvil* at Yetholm; *William Baxter* at Edrom, *Robert Bell* at Cavers, *Mungo Gibſon* at Bedrule, *Hugh Craig* at Gallaſheils, *Archibald Deans* at Bouden, *John Mein* at Weſter-kirk. *James Currie* at Hodam, *John Taylor* at Wamfray, *James Short* at Dryſdale, *Andrew Reid* at Kirkben, *James Guthry* at *Irongray*; *Alexander Robertſon* at Tinwald, *Thomas Tod* at Doriſdeer; *John Pollock* at Glencairn, *Andrew Cameron* at Kircudbright; *William Falconer* at Kelton, *Patrick Johnſtoun* at Girthon, *William Cowpar* at *Mochram*, *Robert Rowan* at Penningham; *Robert Colvil* at Oldluce, *Robert Ferguſſon* at Calmunel; *William Lindſay* at Dundonald, *Andrew Rodger* at Galſton; *Alexander Orr* at St. Quivox, *Ebenezer Vetch* at Air, *George Chalmers* at Kilwinning, *Hugh Falſyde* at Loudoun, *John Puſly* at Lochennoch, *Robert Widrow* at Eaſt-wood, *Robert Wyllie* at Hamilton, *John Muirhead* at Cambuſnethan, *John Bannatyne* at Lanerk, *Thomas Lining* at Leſmahego, *John Govan* at Campſy, *John Stewart* at Egleſham, *John Stirline* Principal of the Colledge of Glaſgow, *George Park* at Killearn, *Robert Wallace* at Badernock, *Walter Campbel* at Denoon, *John Campbel* at Kilmoden, *Daniel Mackay* at Inverary, *Daniel Campbel* at Kilmichael, *Dougal Campbel* at Southend, *John Campbel* at Killarow in Iſla, *Neil Makviccar* at Fort William, *Daniel Makaulay* in Skye, *Robert Gourlay* at Tillicultry, *Matthew Wallace* at Kincardin, *John Logan* at Alloa; *Alexander Hamilton* at Airth, *Archbald Moncreif* at Blackfoord, *John Drummond* at Creif, *William Moncreif* at Methven, *George Jamiſon* at St. Martins, *Andrew Darline* at Kinoul, *George Frier* at Lethandy, *Archbald Campbel* at Weem, *William Hardie* at St. Andrews, *Robert Cleilland* at Kilrenny, *Robert Fairweather* at Craill, *James Hadow* Profeſſour of Divinity in the Colledge of St. Andrews, *John Sythrum* at Newburgh, *William Thomſon* at Fliſk, *Joſeph Drew* at Merkinſh, *James Grierſon* at Weems, *Allan Logan* at Toriburn, *George Mair* at *Culroſs*, *William Lyon* at Airly; *William Millar* at Meegle, *Samuel Johnſtoun* at Dundee, *James Marr* at Murrays, *Patrick Johnſtoun* at Auchterhouſe, *Thomas Watſon* at St. Vigeance, *William Arrot* at Montroſe, *John Williſon* at Breechen, *David Ramſay* at Fettercairn, *Alexander Toaſch* at Tarland, *Martin Shanks* at Upper-Banchry, *Thomas Blackwell* at Aberdeen, *Alexander Mitchel* at Belhalvie;

William

William Leſly at Kemnay, *David Anderſon* at Foveran, *Thomas Vdney* at Streechen, *Peter Darlin* at Boyndie, *William Chalmers* at Kin-edward, *John Gilchriſt* at Keith, *Charles Primroſe* at Belly, *Alexander King* at Elgin, *James Thomſon* there, *Joſeph Sanderſon* at Alvis, *Robert Baillie* at Inverneſs, *Alexander Fraſer* at Croy, *Daniel Mcgilligin* at Killimuir eaſter, *Hugh Monro* at Tain; Miniſters. *James* Earl of Seafield Lord High Chancellour of this Ancient Kingdom of *Scotland*, *John* Duke of Athol, *William* Marqueſs of Lothian, *John* Earl of *Rotheſs George* Earl of Melvill, *John* Earl of Ruglen, *Patrick* Earl of Marchmount, *John* Earl of Hyndfoord, *David* Earl of Glaſgow, *Charles* Lord Yeſter, *Patrick* Lord Polwarth, *James* Lord Carmichael, *William* Lord Forbes, *William* Lord Roſs, *Robert* Lord Burleigh, *John* Lord Belhaven, Sir *Hugh Dalrymple* of Northberwick Lord Preſident of the Seſſion, Sir *James Stewart* of Goodtrees Lord Advocat, *Adam Cockburn* of Ormiſtoun Lord Juſtice-Clerk, Sir *David Home* of Croſsrig, Sir *William Anſtruther* of that Ilk, Sir *John Maxwell* of Pollock, Sir *Robert Steuart* of Tillicultry, Sir *Gilbert Eliot* of Minto, Six of the Senators of the Colledge of Juſtice, Sir *Alexander Ogilvy* of Forglen, Mr. *John Campbel* Brother to the late Duke of Argyle, Mr. *Francis Montgomery* of Giffan, Brother to the Deceaſt Earl of *Eglingtoun*, Lieutennent Colonel *John Erskine* of Carnock, Son to the deceaſt Lord Cardroſs, Sir *William Dumbar* of Hemprigs, Sir *William Craigie* of Gairſay, Sir *Patrick Johnſtoun* Lord Provoſt of Edinburgh, *George Warrander* of Bruntsfield, Sir *Walter Pringle* Advocat, Sir *Alexander Hope* of Kerſe, *Walter Steuart* of Pardovan, *William Baillie* of Lamingtoun, Doctor *Brown* of Dolphingtoun, *Archibald Sheilds* Provoſt of Peebles, Sir *John Clark* of Pennicook, *James Hamilton* of Pencaitland, Sir *William Baird* of Newbyth, *George Baillie* of Jerviswood, Sir *John Pringle* of Stitchell, Mr. *John Murray* of Bowhill, *James Pringle* of Buckholm, Mr. *James Gellie* Advocat, *Robert Corbet* Baillie of Dumfrees, Lieutennent Colonel *William Maxwel* of Cardoneſs, *Patrick Murdo* of Cumlodan, Sir *James Agnew* of Lochnaw, Heretable Sheriff principal of Galloway, Mr. *James Boſwell* of Auchinleck, Advocat, Sir *David Steuart* of Cultneſs, *John Alexander* of Blackhouſe, *Hugh Montgomry* of Busbie, *John Aird* Provoſt of Glaſgow, Sir *Robert Pollock* of that Ilk, Mr. *Walter Stewart* Advocat, Mr. *John Cunninghame* of Ballindalloch, *James Campbel* of Ardkinglas, Sir *Archbald Campbel* of Cluneſs, Sir *James Campbel* of Auchinbreck, *John Campbel* Brother to Skipniſh, Lieutenant Collonel *John Erskine* Depury Governour of Stirline Caſtle, Mr. *Alexander Abercromby* of Tillibodie Advocat, Sir *James Campbel* of Aberuchill, *Thomas Whitſon* Portioner of Rattray, *John Gardner* of Few, Captain *Robert Nairn*, *George Moncrief* of Reedie, *John Scrimzeour* of

Kirkton

Kirkton, *William Dick* Apothecary in Alyth, *Arthur Forbes* of Echt, *John Allardice* late Provoſt of Aberdeen, *James Brodie* of that Ilk, Sir *Henry Innes* of that Ilk, Mr. *William Brodie* of Whitewrae Advocat one the Commiſſars of Edinburgh, *Hugh Roſe* of Kilravock, Sir *Robert Monro* of Foulis, *David Roſs* of Balnagowan; Ruling Elders, To be Commiſſioners of this General Aſſembly, to the effect aftermentioned, with full power to the ſaids Perſons, or their *Quorum*, which is hereby declared to be any Twenty one of the ſaids Commiſſioners, whereof Fifteen are alwiſe to be Miniſters, to meet and conveen within the Aſſembly-houſe, at *Edinburgh* the firſt Day after the Diſſolution of this Aſſembly at Ten Hours in the Forenoon, and afterwards to meet the firſt *Wedneſday* of *Auguſt*, and *penult Wedneſday* of *March* next, and oftner when and where they ſhall think needful and convenient, with power to the ſaid Commiſſion to chuſe their own Moderator: And ſicklike, The General fully Empowers and Authoriſes their ſaids Commiſſioners or their *Quorum*, to cognoſce and finally determine, as they ſhall ſee cauſe in every Matter referred, or that ſhall be referred to them by any Act or Order of this Aſſembly, and to do every thing contained in, and conform to the Inſtructions given by the late Aſſembly to their Commiſſion, which are held as herein expreſt, and to ſtand for Inſtructions to this Commiſſion: And finally, With power to the ſaid Commiſſion to advert unto the Intereſt of the Church on every occaſion, that the Church and preſent Eſtabliſhment thereof, do not ſuffer or ſuſtain any prejudice which belongs to them to prevent, as they will be Anſwerable, and they are hereby ſtrictly prohibit and diſcharged to medle in any other Matters than what are committed or referred to them as abovementioned, and in all their Actings they are to proceed according to the Acts and Conſtitutions of this Church, and do nothing contrary thereto, or to the prejudice of the ſame, Declaring, that in and for all their Actings, they ſhall be Countable to, and Cenſurable by the next General Aſſembly, as they ſhall ſee cauſe, and this Commiſſion is to continue and endure till the next General Aſſembly. And the Members of the ſaid Commiſſion are required punctually to attend the Diets thereof, as is appointed by the *6th* and *15th* Acts of the late General Aſſembly, and the Clerks are appointed not only to mark the Abſents, but alſo to ſend Liſts of theſe Abſents to the ſeveral Synods, in order to cenſure, according to former Acts thereanent; and alſo the Commiſſion is ordered to preſent to the next General Aſſembly, a Liſt of the Names of ſuch of their Members as ſhall be abſent, without a relevant Excuſe ſuſtained by them, that the ſame may be Read in the Aſſembly, who may take what farther courſe they ſhall think fit in that matter.

Aſſembly

XVIII.

Act concerning the Libraries, and containing some Additional Instructions by the General Assembly, to their Commission.
Edinburgh, 16 *April* 1706. Sess. ult.

THE General Assembly impowers their Commission to receive any Delations, or References that shall be made to them by the Respective Judicatories of this Church, in matters of Schism and disorder, and not only to assist Judicatories by their advice in such Cases, but also to pass Sentence, and finally determin therein, as they shall see cause.

And the Commission are appointed to take care, that the Precepts already drawn by the preceeding Moderators of the Assembly or Commission thereof, for payment of any Sums out of the Money gifted by Her Majesty, for defraying the publick Charges of the Church, be payed, and that in the first place, before others that may be granted afterwards.

The *Presbytries* of *Edinburgh*, *Linlithgow* and *Dalkeith* are appointed to supply one diet of *Preaching* before the Parliament, and the Commission to supply the other Diet, by nameing and appointing Ministers out of other *Presbytries*, and the *Synod* of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale* are to adjust the Diets of the Three Presbytries abovenamed in their Bounds.

The Commission is to require a full and clear accompt from the Committee, to whom the Disposal and *Distribution* of the Libraries was Recommended *anno* 1705, How they have distribute the same, and from the Agent, how he hath obeyed the Orders of that Committee anent the sending of these Libraries, and *Irish Bibles* to the Respective places appointed.

And to call for an account from the Respective *Presbytries* of their receit of their proportion of these Bibles and Librararies, and how they have disposed of them according to the Order of the General Assembly 1705, and their said Committee, and appoints the saids Presbytries, to send these Accounts to the Commission or Committee to be appointed by them for this Affair, and that these Accounts be sent in Writing subscribed by the Moderator and Clerk of the Presbytrie; And Ordains the Commission to take care, that the account of all these be Recorded in a particular Register for that purpose: And the General Assembly hereby recommends it to their Commission, or their said Committee, which they are hereby empowered to appoint for that effect, to distribute the Eleven Boxes of *Books* lately sent down from *England*, and any Libraries or Books that shall be sent down betwixt and the next Assembly, to such places of this Church and Nation as have most need, and may best answer the design of the Donours.

The

The General Assembly hereby recommends it to their Commission, to enquire into the state of the *Highlands* and *Islands*, how they are planted with Ministers, and of the remaining Paganish customs among them, and of the encrease of Popery, and how they are provided of Schools, what places most need help in these matters; and what encouragement these may expect, who encline to enter into a Society, for Erecting and Maintaining Charity Schools, for Educating poor and indigent Children.

And the General Assembly appoints all the Synods and Presbytries concerned in the *Highlands* and *Islands*, to send in accounts thereof to the Commission, who are hereby Ordained, to prepare Overtures thereanent, and give in the same to the next Assembly, to whom the said Commission and others concerned are to be countable for their Diligence and Management in the Premisses.

XIX.

Act concerning a Solemn National Fast and Humiliation.

Edinburgh 16 *April* 1706. Sess. Ult.

THE General Assembly considering this Nations Unthankfulness for, and unfruitfulness under the Gospel, and how Sin and Wickedness doth abound every where in the Land, and Profaneness and Popery, and other gross Errors encrease and grow, and the great *Danger* the Protestant Religion, and the Reformed Churches are in, through the sad Distress and grievous *Persecution* of some of them, and the dangerous Condition of others, the Continuance of a bloody War, the Decay of Trade, and Impoverishing of the Nation: And likewise considering how much the Welfare and Safety of this Church and Nation dependeth on the *Preservation* of the Queens Majesties person, and the Conduct and Success of her Councils, and the Result of the Treaty now on foot, concerning the Union of both Kingdoms of *Scotland* and *England*: Upon these and diverse other weighty Considerations, the General Assembly find it their Duty, to call all Ranks of persons, in this Church and Nation, to solemn Fasting and *Prayer*, and to Humiliation and Reformation, beseeching and obtesting all and every one, to search and try their Ways and turn unto the *Lord*, and to seek his Face and Favour.

And the General Assembly recommends to all the Ministers of this Church, that with due Prudence and Zeal, they do in their *Preaching*, reprove and warn of, and in *Prayer* confess and acknowledge the National and Epidemical crying

Sins

Sins, both of former and preſent Times, particularly enumerated in the Cauſes of former publick Faſts, eſpecially in the years 1690 1700 and 1701, and theſe chiefly which abound in the reſpective places, where the Miniſters labour.

And the General Aſſembly recommends and appoints that fervent Prayers be poured out to God, that He would of his abundant Grace and Mercy, grant to all, an humbling ſight and ſenſe of former, and preſent Sins, and give Repentance for, and Remiſſion of them, for the Blood of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt Our Saviour; And that God would continue the Goſpel with us, and bleſs it with more ſucceſs, and that it would pleaſe him graciouſly, to put a ſtop to the grouth of Profaneneſs and Popery and other Errours, and that Magiſtrates and Miniſters, and every one in their due place, may be directed and animated to more effectual and vigorous Endeavours, for diſcouraging, ſuppreſſing and puniſhing Popery and Profaneneſs, and all Error and Ungodlineſs, and for Reforming themſelves and the Land: And that all Schiſm, Diviſion, Diſſention, and Diſcord may ceaſe, and we may all become one in the Lord.

That God would long preſerve, and eminently bleſs our gracious Soveraign the Queen, Direct her Councils, and Bleſs and Proſper her Forces, and theſe of her Allies, by Sea and Land, in Defence of the Reformed Proteſtant Religion and juſt Liberties of *Europe*.

And that God would pity and relieve ſuch of his Churches and People, as are under the Croſs, and ſuffering for the Truth, and ſupport and eſtabliſh them, and refine them in, and bring them out of the Furnace, and that he would preſerve his Churches which are in danger, and would defeat all deſigns againſt the Reformed Churches, and Proteſtant Religion, and that God would bleſs the Seaſon of the Year, that there may be Food for Man and Beaſt.

And laſtly, that God would mercifully and graciouſly direct ſuch as are Commiſſioned both in this, and the Kingdom of *England*, for treating about an Union of both Kingdoms, that all may be done to the Glory of God, and good of this Church, and all her Majeſties Dominions.

And the General Aſſembly appoints the ſaid Faſt and Humiliation, to be obſerved in all the Pariſhes on this ſide of *Tay* upon the 23 Day of *May* next, and in theſe on the other ſide of *Tay* upon 6*th* day of *June* alſo next, and do appoint the Reverend Mr. *William Carſtares* Principal of the Colledge of *Edinburgh*, Mr. *George Meldrum* Profeſſor of Divinity there, Mr. *John Stirline* Principal of the Colledge of *Glaſgow* and Mr. *George Anderſon* Profeſſor of Divinity at *Aberdeen*, Miniſters, and Sir *James Agnew* of *Lochnaw*, Sherif Principal of *Galloway* Ruling Elder, to apply to the Lords of her Majeſties

Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, for the civil Sanction to this Fast.

XX.

THE next General Assembly of this National Church, is to be holden at *Edinburgh*, the second *Tuesday* of *April* 1707, being the 8 *Day* of that Moneth.

This Assembly was concluded with Prayer, singing of the 72 *Psalm, from Verse* 16 *to the close, and pronounceing of the Blessing.*

Collected and Extracted from the Records of the General Assembly, by

Jo. Dundas Cls. Eccl.

F A TABLE

A

TABLE

Of the Printed Acts of the General Assembly, *anno* 1706.

I. THE Queens Commission to *David* Earl of *Glasgow*, produced and ordered to be Recorded. page 3

II. Her Majesties Gracious Letter to the General Assembly. 5

III. The General Assemblies Answer to the Queens Gracious Letter. 7

IV. Act and Recommendation concerning the Scriptural Songs. 9

V. Act anent the Form of Process. Ibid.

VI. Recommendation concerning the Method of giving in Overtures, *References &c.* to the General Assembly. 10

VII. Act approving the Proceedings of the Commission of the General Assembly, *anno* 1705. Ibid.

VIII. Act concerning the method of approving the Commission Book. 11

IX. Act anent Registers. Ibid.

X. Act anent Lecturing. Ibid.

XI. Recommendation concerning the Admission to the Lord's-Supper. 12

XII. Act and Recommendation concerning Stipends and Mortifications. Ibid.

XIII. Recommendation and Act concerning School masters, Schools and *Bursaries*. Ibid.

XIV. Recommendation concerning Penny-Bridals. 13

XV. Act and Recommendation against *Profaneness*. Ibid.

XVI. Act and Recommendation concerning Visitation of *Paroches*, and also Ministerial Visitation of Families. 14

XVII. Commission to some Ministers and Elders, for considering and discussing several Affairs referred to them. Ibid.

XVIII. Act concerning the Libraries, and containing some Additional Instructions given by the General Assembly, to their Commission. 18

XIX. Act concerning a Solemn National Fast and Humiliation. 19

XX. Appointment of the Diet of the next General Assembly. 21

INDEX

INDEX *of the* ACTS *of the General Assembly, held in the Year* 1706, *which are not here printed.*

AFter Sermon by Mr. *William Carstares* Moderator of the last Assembly, the General Assembly did conveen. Mr. *William Wisheart* One of the Ministers of South *Leith* was chosen Moderator. Session 1

The Commissioner and Moderator's Speeches, at opening of the General Assembly. *Sess.* 1

A Committee appointed for drawing an Answer to the Queens gracious Letter. *Sess.* 1

A Committee appointed for Overtures. *Sess.* 1

A Committee appointed for Bills, References and Appeals *Sess.* 1

A Committee appointed for considering Commissions, censuring Absents, nameing Ministers to preach before his Grace her Majesties Commissioner, and supplying the *Vice* of the Ministers of *Edinburgh* and Suburbs, who are members of this Assembly, and taking up the Lists of Probationers and Students. *Sess.* 1

Some Letters of Excuse for absence of members produced and remitted to the Committee appointed for that effect. *Sess.* 1

Act appointing the Commission and Synod Books to be produced next meeting of this Assembly. *Sess.* 1

Appointment of a Diet for Prayer. *Sess.* 1

A Diet spent in Prayer *Sess.* 2

Upon Report of the Committee for considering Commissions, the saids Commissions were sustained, and it was recommended to all concerned, that in time coming they have a Regard to the Acts regulating Commissions to members of the General Assembly as much as can be. *Sess* 3

The Report of the Committee of the late Assembly concerning the Libraries. *Sess.* 3

The draught of an Answer to the Queens Letter unanimously approven, and being signed, the Commissioner was pleased to undertake to transmit the same to her *Majesty*, and Letters were ordered to be sent thereanent to the Secretaries of State. *Sess.* 3

Reference to the Commission for applying to the Parliament, for a Commission for planting of Kirks and Valuation of Teinds, and for supplying the Loss of the Registers of that Commission, with ane humble desire that the Commissioner may lay the Affair before the Queen. *Sess.* 3

INDEX

A Committee appointed to receive in and claſs the Overtures and Inſtructions given by the ſeveral Presbytries to their Repreſentatives at this Aſſembly. *Seſſ.* 3

A Remit to the Committee for Overtures, to enquire into, and conſider the Complaints made againſt Mr. *John Hepburn*. *Seſſ.* 3

Remit to the Committee for Overtures, to conſider the Opinion of the Committee of the late Aſſembly, concerning the Scriptural Songs, and report. *Seſſ.* 3

The Report of the Commiſſion of the late Aſſembly concerning the Form of Proceſs in Eccleſiaſtick Judicatories, brought in and ordered to ly on the Table, till another Diet. *Seſſ.* 3

A Reference by the Commiſſion of the late Aſſembly, concerning the Synod of *Caithneſs*, *Orknay* and *Zetland*, brought in, and ordered to ly on the Table till another Diet. *Seſſ.* 3

A Committee for conſidering the Grievances of the Presbytries, of *Roſs* and *Southerland*. *Seſſ.* 3

Committee for conſidering the ſtate of the Church in the *North*, the *Highlands* and *Iſlands*. *Seſſ.* 3

A Diet appointed for hearing the Cauſe anent the Tranſportation of *Mr. Samuel Johnſtoun* from *Dundee* to *Edinburgh*. *Seſſ.* 3

Committees named and appointed for reviſing the Proceedings of the Commiſſion of the late Aſſembly, and of the Synods of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, *Merſe* and *Tiviotdale*, *Galloway*, *Glaſgow* and *Air*, *Perth* and *Stirline*, *Angus* and *Merns*, *Aberdeen* and *Murray*, and to Report to this Aſſembly. *Seſſ.* 3

The Synods of *Orknay*, *Drumfrees*, *Argyle*, *Fife Roſs* and *Southerland* excuſed for not ſending in their Books at this time, and they appointed to bring the ſame to the next Aſſembly. *Seſſ.* 3

The Reviſers of the Commiſſion and Synod Books are ordered before they bring in any Remarks thereon, to Communicat the ſame to the *Moderator* or Clerk of the Judicatory, whoſe Book is reviſed, if they can be had, and faillingthereof; to that ſome others of the members of that Judicatory, that nothing but what is worthy of Cenſure be brought in; and theſe *Moderators* and Clerks are deſired to be with theſe Committees. *Seſſ.* 3

A Reference from the late Commiſſion concerning the Agent for the Kirk, and to think upon ſome way for the better expeding of the Churches Affairs, and a Petition for *Mr. David Williamſon* relative thereto, remitted to the Committee for Bills to bring in an Overture thereanent. *Seſſ.* 3

A Petition

A Petition for the Presbytry of *Zetland*, with relation to ſeveral Grievances, read and remitted to the Committee for the *North &c.* to bring in Overtures thereanent. *Seſſ.* 4
Appointment on the Committee for the Libraries to meet. *Seſſ.* 4
Remit to the Committee for Overtures, concerning the Grievances of Mr. *John Moriſon* Miniſter at *Glenelg* contained in his Petition. *Seſſ.* 4
A Committee appointed to conſider a Proceſs referred to the Aſſembly, by the Synod of *Murray*, againſt Mr. *James Allan* Miniſter of *Rothes*. *Seſſ.* 4.
A Committee appointed to conſider a Complaint given in, by Mr. *Robert Makaulay* Miniſter, upon the Commiſſion for tranſporting him from *Inch-Innan* to *Stirline*. *Seſſ.* 4
Act finding that Mr. *Robert Makaulays* Affair being determined by the Commiſſion, ſhould not be recognoſced by the Aſſembly; but a Letter is ordered to be written to the Marquis of *Montroſe* thereant. *Seſſ.* 4
Mr. *John Moriſon* Miniſter at *Glenelg*, ſent in Miſſion to *Murray*, and *Roſs*, and *Southerland* till next Aſſembly, and he allowed 500 Merks to defray his charges thither, and a Letter to be written to the Synod of *Argyle* anent granting him an Act of Tranſportability *&c.* with a Reference to the Commiſſion concerning him and the ſaid Pariſh. *Seſſ.* 5
Recommendation, concerning a Contribution for the Harbour of *Irvin*. *Seſſ.* 6
Act for diſjoining *Mortlith* from the Presbytry of *Fordyce* and Synod of *Aberdeen*, and annexing the ſame to the Presbytry of *Strathbogie* and Synod of *Murray*, and leaving *Innerkethnie* to the Presbytry of *Turreff*. *Seſſ.* 6
Reference to the Commiſſion for ſending Probationers having *Iriſh* to the *Highland* Pariſhes in the Presbytry of *Dumblane*, and a Letter ordered to be written to his Grace the Duke of *Athol*, concerning the planting of *Balquhidder*. *Seſſ.* 6
Reference to the Commiſſion to cauſe cite Mr. *John Hepburn* before them, and to take Tryal of his Deportment ſince he was depoſed, and determine in that matter according to the Acts of the General Aſſembly. *Seſſ.* 6
Act ordaining the Commiſſion to call Mr. *James Farquhar* Miniſter at *Tyrie*, who is ſaid to have joyned with Mr. *John Hepburn*, ſpeedily to an account for his conduct in that matter. *Seſſ.* 6
Act continuing Mr. *Samuel Johnſtoun* Miniſter at *Dundee*, and refuſing his Tranſportation to *Edinburgh* *Seſſ.* 7
A Committee for conſidering Mr. *Samuel Johnſtons* Grievances. *Seſſ.* 7
Act continuing Mr. *John Maitland* Miniſter at *Inch*, and refuſing his Tranſportation to *Forgue*. *Seſſ.* 8.

A Diet appointed for hearing a Proceſs concerning the planting of *Preſton* and *Buncle*, upon the Calls given to Mr. *Walter Hart*, and Mr. *James Allan*, Probationers. Seſſ. 8

The Affair concerning the planting of *Buncle* and *Preſton* heard, and a Committee appointed to conſer with Parties thereanent in order to Accomodation, and ſome of the Managers of that Proceſs were rebuked for their unſuitable Carriage in that matter. *Seſſ.* 9

The Proceſs about planting *Leſwalt*, upon a Call to Mr. *John Godfrey* Probationer, referred to the Commiſſion, and they to endeavour to accomodate the matter, or determine finally therein, as they ſhall ſee cauſe. *Seſſ.* 9

Act laying aſide two Calls given by ſome of the Paroch of *Strathmartine* to Mr. *James Robertſon* and Mr. *James Scot* Probationers, and appointing the Presbytry to uſe their utmoſt endeavours for ſetling a third perſon in that Pariſh *&c.* *Seſſ.* 9

Recommendation to the Lords of Theſaury for ſome charitable Supply to Mr. *Theodore Umphray* lately Miniſter at *Neſting* in *Zetland*, and a Remit to the Committee for Overtures for his farther Relief. *Seſſ.* 9

Act concerning the Synod of *Caithneſs*, *Orknay* and *Zetland*, their meeting, which is to be only once in the year, in *Caithneſs* and *Orknay per vices*; this Act contains ſeveral things concerning the Excuſes of abſent members, Atteſtation of Presbytry Books, and References, to the General Aſſembly or Commiſſion thereof, when the Presbytries do not agree unanimouſly, eſpecially when there is great inequality as to the number of members from each Presbytry at the Synod, and when that Synod ſees cauſe, they are to ſend ſome of their number belonging to *Orknay* and *Caithneſs* to viſit *Zetland*, and joyn with the Presbytry there. *Seſſ.* 9

Act concerning the Presbytry of *Zetland*, their Licencing Students in order to the Miniſtry. *Seſſ.* 9

The Commiſſioners from Presbytries in the ſeveral Synods, ordered to meet ſeparatly, and name a Committee, for preparing the draught of a Commiſſion, and Inſtructions to ſome Commiſſioners to be appointed by this Aſſembly, and nominating the perſons Seſſ. 9. which Committee brought in their Nomination. *Seſſ.* 10

Act approving the Sentence of the Synod of *Merſe* and *Tiviotdale*, ſuſtaining the Call given to Mr. *Walter Hart* to be Miniſter of *Buncle* and *Preſton*, as Legal. Seſſ. 10.

Reference to the Commiſſion in favours of the Marquis of *Lothian*, Lord *Cranſton* and others, concerning the planting of the Vacant Pariſh of *Crellen* and *Niſbet*. Seſſ. 11.

Act appointing the Proceſs concerning Mr. *James Allan* to be brought in next ſederunt. Seſſ. 11.

Act

Act finding that *Michael Andieſon* of *Tuſhilaw*, cannot be obliged upon the alleaged preſumptions of guilt adduced againſt him, to give an Oath of Purgation as to the alleaged guilt of Fornication with *Agnes Leiſhman*, and that he is not lyable to Church Cenſure for refuſing the ſame. Seſſ. 11.

A Reſolve concerning a National Faſt, and a Committee named for preparing a draught of the Cauſes thereof. Seſſ. 12

The Synod Books of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, *Glaſgow* and *Air*, *Galloway*, *Perth* and *Stirling*, *Angus* and *Mernis*, *Aberdeen* and *Murray*, Reviſed and Atteſted in the uſual manner.

Reference to the Commiſſion to Addreſs Her Majeſty for a Stipend to Mr. *William Stuart* Miniſter at *Inverneſs*, and to do all they can for obtaining Redreſs of his Greivances, and to adviſe him in caſes of difficulty, and the Affair about the Stipend was humbly recommended to His Grace the Queens Commiſſioner. Seſſ. 12.

Reference to the Commiſſion anent expeding the abſtract of the Acts of Parliament and General Aſſembly againſt Profaneneſs, and to apply to the Council that the proclamation againſt Immorality emitted in the Reign of King *William* may be renewed in Her Majeſties Name. Seſſ. 12.

Recommendation to the Commiſſion to think upon means to promote and encourage Learning, and how Young Men may be enabled to follow ſuch Studies, as may be uſeful for defence of the Doctrine, Worſhip, Diſcipline and Government of this Church. Seſſ. 12.

The Commiſſion ordained to apply to the Government for the more effectual ſuppreſſing and puniſhing Adulteries. Seſſ. 12.

Recommendation to Profeſſours of Theology, that they put none upon Theological Exerciſes, but ſuch as have paſt their courſe, and taken their degrees, and who have ſufficient Teſtimonials from the *Presbytries*, where they had their Reſidence. Seſſ. 12.

Reference to the Commiſſion to conſider the Overtures and Inſtructions ſent from Presbytries, by their Repreſentatives in this Aſſembly, and give Advice in things wherein advice is craved of them, and to prepare Overtures as to theſe, which may be of publick uſe, or univerſal concern, to be preſented to the next General Aſſembly. Seſſ. 12.

Appointment on the Commiſſion to uſe all ſuitable means for remeeding of Schiſm, and for recovering of theſe, who on either hand do withdraw from the Communion of this Church. Seſſ. 12

Appointment on the Commiſſion to apply to the Government, for diſcharging the Importing or *Printing* for common ſale, any Atheiſtical or Blaſphemous Books, Pamphlets, or ſuch as contain Tenets contrary to the Fundamental Principles of our

our Religion contained in our Confeſſion of Faith, or incorrect Copies of the Holy Scriptures. Seſſ. 12.

Mr. *Robert Monro* a Student, having *Iriſh*, recommended to the Synod of *Fife* for a *Burſary*.

Upon Report of the Committee for the North, the *Highlands* and *Iſlands*, the Presbytry of *Zetland*, are ordered to hold Viſitations, and to ſet about the Legal way of getting ſufficient Gleibs, Kirks and Manſes. Seſſ. 12

The Commiſſioner from the Presbytry of *Zetland* allowed 300 *Merks* for defraying his Charges at this Aſſembly. Seſſ. 12

The Brethren of *Zetland* enjoined punctually to attend the Diets of their Presbytries, as they will be Anſwerable, and its recommended to them, to contribute their proportion of the publick Charges of the Presbytry. Seſſ. 12

Mr. *Andrew Fullerton* Probationer, appointed to go to *Wick* in *Caithneſs* to ſupply that Vaccancy, and to have the ordinary allowance out of the publick *Money* for defraying his Charges thither. Seſſ. 12.

Mr. *James Bannatine* Probationer, ſent to *Forreſs* to ſupply that Vacancy, and ordered to have the ordinary allowance. Seſſ. 12.

The Pariſh of *Forgue* continued, as annexed to the Presbytry of *Tarreff*. Seſſ. 12.

Alexander Buchan Catechiſt in St. *Kilda* allowed 400 *Merks* out of the publick Money, and a Letter ordered to be written to the Laird of *Mackleod* to give him due encouragement. Seſſ. 12.

Recommendation to the Lord Advocat, when particular condeſcendances ſhall be ſent by Presbytries concerning the Irregularities and Diſorders of the Epiſcopal Clergy to give aſſiſtance and concurrence for redreſs of ſuch Grievances according to Law, and Acts of Privy Council thereanent. Seſſ. 11.

An Addreſs to Her Majeſties Commiſſioner, concerning Her Majeſties proportion for building and Reparing Kirks and Manſes in *Zetland*, according to her valued Rent in Pariſhes there. Seſſ. 12.

A Letter ordered to be written to the Viſcounteſs of *Frendraught* concerning the planting of the Pariſh of *Inch*. Seſſ. 12

A Committee to conſider the Complaints of the grouth of Popery and Report. Seſſ. 12.

The Queens Commiſſioner gives an account to the Aſſembly of Her Majeſties Gracious Acceptance of their Anſwer to Her Letter, and the Moderator ſignifies, that he had received Letters from the Earls of *Mar* and *Loudoun* Secretaries of State, to that ſame purpoſe. Seſſ. 13.

Mr. *John Dundas* of *Philipſtoun* Advocat, Clerk to the General Aſſembly

Aſſembly choſen and appointed to be Advocat in Ordinary, and Procurator for this Church. Seſſ. 13.

Reſolved that a Repreſentation be laid before Her Majeſty anent the grouth of Popery. Seſſ. 13.

Act approving of the Sentence of Suſpenſion paſt by the Synod of *Murray* againſt Mr. *James Allan* Miniſter at *Rothes*, and remitting it to the ſaid Synod, to take farder tryal in that proceſs, and do therein as they ſhall ſee cauſe, and the Suſpenſion continued in the mean time. Seſſ. 13

Reference to the Commiſſion, to Addreſs Her Majeſty concerning the grouth of Popery. Seſſ. 14.

Act appointing ſome Probationers to be ſent to *Angus*: That the Presbytry of *Perth* ſend two of their number to correſpond with the Presbytry of *Dundee*, as that of *Meegle* does, and that a Committee be ſent to viſit theſe Bounds, and a Committee choſen to name thoſe who are to be ſent and to Report. Seſſ. 14

Reference to the Commiſſion to nominat one to be Conjunct Agent for the Church with *John Blair*, and to give them Inſtructions. Seſſ. 14

Mr. *David Williamſon* gets the Aſſemblies Thanks for his Care and Diligence in the Churches Affairs. Seſſ. 14

Reference to the Commiſſion, to give their aſſiſtance to the Miniſter of *Newhills* for removing his Greivances. Seſſ. 14

Reference to the Commiſſion, to uſe their utmoſt endeavours to have *Balmaghie* peaceably planted. Seſſ. 14

Reference to the Commiſſion, to uſe their endeavours, for redreſſing the Grievances of the Presbytries of *Roſs* and *Sutherland*, and particularly to apply to the Government, that a perſon well affected may be made Sherif of *Roſs*, which place is now Vacant, and appointing the Agent for the Kirk to aſſiſt that Presbytry in getting Grievances redreſſed, containing a Recommendation for a Gift of the Vacant Stipend of *Dingwal* in their favours, with a Reference to the Commiſſion to give them part of the publick Money, and to apply to the Government for a Stipend to *Chanrie* out of the Rents of the Biſhoprick of *Roſs*, as alſo for a Gift of the Vacant ſtipends of *Sutherland*, for building the Church of *Dornock*; and laſtly renewing an Act of the late Aſſembly laſt ſederunt thereof, made in favours of *Roſs* and *Sutherland*. Seſſ. 14

The Synod Book of *Merſe* and *Tiviotdale* atteſted. Seſſ. 14

Reference to the Commiſſion to ſend Mr. *John Keith* Probationer to ſupply in the *North*, and to give him the ordinary allowance. Seſſ. 14

Recommendation to the Commiſſion to prefer Mr. *Hugh Grant* a ſtudent having *Iriſh*, now in *Orkney*, to a Burſary. Seſſ. 14

A Contribution being made in the Assembly for Mr. *Thomas Henderson* Minister, it was recommended to the Commission, to do what they shall think fit, for his farder supply and encouragement. Sess. 14

A Letter of Thanks ordered to be written to *Mr. Strauchan* a *Minister* in *England* and others there, for their care and liberality, in procureing some Libraries for the use of this Church. Sess. 14.

Reference to the Commission to allow the Brethren from the Presbytry of *Strathbogie* some of the publick *Money*. Sess. 14

Reference to the Commission or their Committee, of a Petition for the Synod of *Murray* concerning the Libraries. Sess. 14.

Reference to the Commission of a Petition for *Benjamin Allan* craving that what was due to him, when serving the Agent for the Kirk may be payed. Sess. 14

Recommendation to the Presbytries in the Synods of *Merse* and *Tiviotdale*, *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, *Glasgow* and *Air*, *Fife*, *Angus* and *Merns*, *Aberdeen* and *Murray*, for charitable supply to *Duncan Cassie* Merchant in *Aberdeen*. Sess. 14

Recommendation to Presbytries concerning a Contribution, for building the Tolbooth of *Tain*. Sess. 14

Recommendation to the Presbytries in the Synods of *Angus* and *Merns*, *Fife* and *Perth*, for some charitable Supply to *Alexander Anderson* in *Kincardine*. Sess. 14

Reference to the Commission to consider the circumstances of Mr. *James Buchan* at *Northmaving* in *Zetland*, and do therein as they shall see cause. Sess. 14

Recommendation to such as are deficient in sending in their Contributions for *John Binning*, to collect and send in the same to *Nicol Spence* to be by him given to *John Binning*. Sess. 14

Act finding the first Apppeal made by Mr. *George Clark* at *Chappel* of *Garioch* fallen from, and referring to the Synod of *Aberdeen*, to consider his last Appeal from the Presbytry of *Alford* and *Garrioch* and do therein as they shall see fit. Sess. 14

Appointment anent writing Letters of Thanks to the Earls of *Mar* and *Loudoun* Secretaries of State, for their favours to this Church. *Sess. 15 & Ult.*

Sir *James Steuart* Lord Advocat, gets the Assemblies Thanks for his good Services done to this Church. *Sess. ult.*

Reference to the Commission, of a Letter, complaining of the Disorders of Mr. *James Farquhar* Minister of *Tyrie*. *Sess. ult.*

Reference to the Commission, to require a full Account from the Committee of the late Assembly, concerning the Libraries and *Irish* Bibles, and from the Agent, of his Diligence thereanent, and to call him to an Account for the 120 *lib. Sterl.* gifted by

by the Queen, for defraying the charges thereof: As alſo to cauſe him give ſecurity for the 428 *lib. Scots* of Ballance due by him of the 1000 *lib. Scots* formerly given for defraying the Charges of binding the *Iriſh* Bibles, and make the ſame forthcoming, to be a Fond for promoting a new Impreſſion of theſe Bibles. *Seſſ. ult.*

Mr. *Charles Coats*, Mr. *James Adam*, Mr. *James Goodſir* and Mr. *John Barclay* Probationers, ordered to repair to the bounds of the Presbytries of *Dundee* and *Forfar*, in order to their Settlement there, and they are to have the ordinary Allowance for defraying their charges. *Seſſ. ult.*

A Committee nominat for viſiting the bounds of the Synod of *Angus* and *Merns*, with a Reference to the Commiſſion to appoint their time of going thither, and to give ſuch Inſtructions as ſhall be thought needful. *Seſſ. ult.*

The Excuſes of the Abſence of ſome Members from this Aſſembly ſuſtained, and Letters appointed to be written to Presbytries and Synods anent the Abſence of others. *Seſſ. ult.*

The Recommendation of the Aſſembly *anno* 1704, concerning Mr. *John Makneelly* Probationer, renewed. *Seſſ. ult.*

Presbytries are warned to take notice of one who goes under the name of Mr. *John Anderſon* ſometime School-maſter at *Carmylie*, who as is alledged has a counterfeit Licence; and Presbytries where he may be found, are ordained to cauſe cite him before them, and to proceed againſt him, as they ſhall ſee cauſe. *Seſſ. ult.*

The Liſt of Probationers being brought in and read, the ſame with the Liſt of the Students of Divinity were ordered to be recorded. *Seſſ. ult.*

Committee for reviſing the Minuts of this Aſſembly, and giving orders anent the printing the Acts thereof. *Seſſ. ult.*

The Moderators Speech at the cloſing of the General Aſſembly, to the Members, and to his Grace the Queens Commiſſioner.

His Grace Her Majeſties Commiſſioner his Speech to the General Aſſembly, after they had gone through all their Work.

The cloſing of the Aſſembly.

FINIS.